

Vilas County Board of Canvass – Recount Minutes #3

Date: December 7, 2016

Office to be Recounted: President of the United States

Original Result:

8169 Trump/Pence
4770 Clinton/Kaine
45 Castle/Bradley
340 Johnson/Weld
116 Stein/Baraka
11 Moorehead/Lilly
3 De La Fuente/Steinberg
0 Fox/Kushner
14 McMullin/Johnson
0 Maturan/Munoz
0 Schoebke/Mitchell
1 Keniston/Taylor
0 Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0 Hoefling/Schulin
0 Maldonado
0 Soltysik/Walker
143 Scattering
13,612 Presidential votes cast

Canvass Board Members Present:

David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk.
Carol Cady, declared Republican Party member
Gary Milanowski, declared Democratic Party member

Other Personnel:

Kim Olkowski, Vilas County Deputy Clerk
Cherie Adler, Administrative Assistant
Martha Milanowski, Vilas County Corporation Counsel
Ginger Schwanebeck, tabulator and retired Town Clerk
Shelly Sauvola, tabulator and Town Clerk/Treas.
Debra Brown, tabulator and City Clerk/Treas.
Lynn Bybee, Tabulator and Town of Land O' Lakes Clerk/Treas.
Margorie Hiller, tabulator and Town of Phelps Clerk/Treas.
Kathy Mitchell. Tabulator and Town of Conover Clerk/Treas.
Ken Mitchell, tabulator
Julie Priefer, tabulator and Town of Cloverland Clerk/Treas.

Election Observers Present:

Debra Wilson returned as Primary Representative for candidate Hillary Clinton.
Suzanne Schmitz returned as Primary Representative for candidate Jill Stein
No other Primary or Secondary candidate representatives were present.

Others Present:

See attached list.

Conduct a recount of the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election:

The County Clerk reconvened the recessed Board of Canvass at 1:00 P.M. D. Wilson requested that Ken Von Kluck be recognized as a Secondary Representative for candidate Hillary Clinton. The BOC concurred with her request. The BOC the continued with the Presidential recount. Findings and determinations are listed as follows.

Name of Municipality:

Town of St. Germain Wards 1 & 2

Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:

850	Trump/Pence
420	Clinton/Kaine
1	Castle/Bradley
19	Johnson/Weld
5	Stein/Baraka
1	Moorehead/Lilly
1	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
0	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
16	Scattering

Number of Voters from Registration List

1525

Number of Absentee Ballot Applications:

179

Number of Absentee Ballots:

From Inspector's Statement – 177

Poll Book Irregularities:

Both poll books were reviewed and tabulated. 1 voter signature was missing. 1 voter number was mismatched between the two books.

Count matched poll book total of 1321 and Inspectors Statement of total voters 1321.

Rejected Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes – Corrective Action:

Rejected absentee ballots were examined and found to be properly rejected.

Review Used Absentee Ballot Certificate EL-122:

Used absentee ballot certificates were tabulated and the count of 176 was 1 short of the Inspector's Statement. Most of the used absentee certificates had not been completed properly and were missing the voters address. The BOC compared each envelope with the list of absentee voters. This list contained the voter addresses. Written requests for absentee ballots were also reviewed, but were found to be missing emailed requests. The used absentee certificates were then recounted and the tally remained at 176. 3 of the certificates were rejected as being incomplete and defective. These were placed in exhibit bag STG-1. The missing certificate was not found. The used certificates were placed in bag number 61843 and sealed and signed.

Examine Ballot Bag:

The BOC examined two ballot bags numbered 61801 and 61802 and found them to be properly sealed and signed. The bags were then opened.

Reconcile Ballot Count:

A count of the number of ballots totaled 1321 and matched the poll book count and the Inspector's Statement.

Review Provisional Ballots Cast:

None cast

Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:

850	Trump/Pence
420	Clinton/Kaine
1	Castle/Bradley
19	Johnson/Weld
5	Stein/Baraka
1	Moorehead/Lilly
1	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
0	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
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0	Keniston/Taylor

0 Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0 Hoefling/Schulin
0 Maldonado
0 Soltysik/Walker
16 Scattering

1313 presidential votes were tallied. There were 8 ballots with no presidential vote. The ballots were placed into 2 bags numbered 61844 and 61845 and sealed and signed. The Town of St. Germain recount concluded at 2:05 P.M. The BOC then determined to revisit the recount the Town of Phelps, beginning at 2:10 A.M.

Name of Municipality:

Town of Phelps Wards 1 & 2

Set forth below is an excerpt of the December 6, 2016 Vilas County Board of Canvass minutes, pertinent to the issue in the Town of Phelps that is being revisited.

Reconcile Ballot Count:

A count of the number of ballots totaled 789. This number did not match the Inspector's Statement of 792 voters. The rejected ballot envelope was marked to contain 9 rejected ballots. A count revealed 12 ballots enclosed. The BOC examined each ballot and determined that all 12 ballots were damaged and subject to being rejected. The BOC determined that the probable cause of the error in the original ballot count stemmed from 3 ballots being damaged by the machine, tabulated and then subsequently rejected.

Review Provisional Ballots Cast:

None cast

Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:

523 Trump/Pence
219 Clinton/Kaine
7 Castle/Bradley
16 Johnson/Weld
13 Stein/Baraka
2 Moorehead/Lilly
0 De La Fuente/Steinberg
0 Fox/Kushner
2 McMullin/Johnson
0 Maturan/Munoz
0 Schoebke/Mitchell
0 Keniston/Taylor
0 Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0 Hoefling/Schulin
0 Maldonado
0 Soltysik/Walker

2 Scattering

784 presidential votes were tallied. There were 5 ballots with no presidential vote. Only 2 write-in votes could be found for McMullin/Johnson. The BOC determined that an error had been made in the original tabulation of the write-in vote. The ballots were placed into 1 bag numbered 61850 and sealed and signed. The Town of Phelps recount concluded at 10:55 A.M. The BOC then determined to recount the Town of Conover, which began at 11:05 A.M.

End of December 6, 2016 BOC minutes re: Town of Phelps

Revisit Town of Phelps Recount:

Town of Phelps Clerk Marjorie Hiller was present and serving as a tabulator during the Town of Phelps recount. She was aware of the 3 missing ballots and the determinations made by the BOC. Upon the recount proceedings being recessed for the day, she returned to her office. She examined her voting machine and the attached ballot container and discovered the 3 missing ballots to be “hung up” at the discharge slot located between the electronic tabulator and the ballot container. She removed the 3 ballots, placed them in an enveloped and informed the County Clerk. The county Clerk advised her to bring the 3 ballots to the December 7, 2016 recount proceedings. The Clerk asked the consensus of the BOC in regards to the matter, and the BOC unanimously concurred that the voter should not be disenfranchised, that the town Clerk’s word was beyond reproach and that the 3 ballots should be tabulated. On December 6th, the result had been one less vote for Trump/Pence, Clinton/Kaine and Castle/Bradley. The BOC examined the 3 ballots and found 1 ballot cast for Trump/Pence, 1 ballot cast for Clinton/Kaine and 1 ballot cast for Castle/Bradley. The only thing in common between the 3 ballots was the fact that they were absentee ballots, which was discerned by the fact that the 3 ballots had been pre-folded in a 3 fold pattern. The BOC further concluded that the 3 fold pattern may have been a contributing factor to the “hanging up” problem. The 3 found ballots were tabulated, the tallies were amended and the 3 ballots were placed in exhibit bag PH-1.

Corrected Town of Phelps tally:

524	Trump/Pence
220	Clinton/Kaine
8	Castle/Bradley
16	Johnson/Weld
13	Stein/Baraka
2	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
2	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
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2 Scattering

787 presidential votes were tallied. There were 5 ballots with no presidential vote. The total ballot count of 792 now matched the Inspector's Statement of total ballots cast.

Adjournment at completion of all recount activities:

The recount being completed, the BOC signed off on the Board of Canvass Statement. The County Clerk adjourned the Vilas County Board of Canvass 2016 Presidential Recount at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk